

III. Remarks**A. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for recognizing the allowable subject matter set forth in the in claim 14.

B. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-4, 7 and 12 have been canceled.

Claim 23 has been amended to correct a matter of form, namely to recite "comprises a stack" rather than "comprises stack."

C. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103**1. Lien et al. (6,069,782) and Smith et al. (5,775,112)**

The Action rejects claims 1-4 and 12 as being obvious from Lien et al. in view of Smith et al. Claims 1-4 and 12 have been canceled. It is submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot.

2. Lien et al. and Stockinger et al. (6,970,336)

The Action rejects claims 13, 15-20, and 23-28 as being obvious from Lien et al. in view of Stockinger et al. As discussed hereafter, and as discussed with the Examiner in a telephone interview of November 27, 2007, Stockinger et al. is not prior art to the present application. Therefore, the Action does not set forth a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to these claims.

The present application has a U.S. effective filing date of August 20, 2003. Stockinger et al. has a U.S. effective filing date of October 10, 2003, which is after the August 20, 2003 filing date of the present application. Therefore, Stockinger et al. is not prior art to the present application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims are respectfully requested.

3. Lien et al., Smith et al. and Dungan et al. (5,311,391)

The Action rejects claim 7 as being obvious from Lien et al. in view of Smith et al. in further view of Dungan et al. Claim 7 has been canceled. The rejection of claim 7, therefore, is moot.

4. Lien et al., Stockinger et al. and Dungan et al.

The Action rejects claim 21 as being obvious from Lien et al. in view of Stockinger et al. in further view of Dungan et al. As set forth above, Stockinger et al. is not prior art to the present application. Therefore, the Action does not set forth a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to claim 21. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 are respectfully requested.

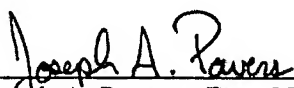
IV. Conclusion

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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